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In re Application of:	)	
SCOTT M. ROCKLAGE, ET AL.	)	Group Art Unit: 121
Serial No.: 07/047,614	)	Examiner: Alan L. Rotman
Filed: May 8, 1987	)	
For: DIPYRIDOXYL PHOSPHATE NMRI	)	
CONTRAST AGENTS	)	

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STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.97(a)

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Sir:

I. PRIOR ART CITED IN SPECIFICATION

The patents and literature articles, copies of which are furnished in the accompanying Exhibit Book, listed on the first two pages of the enclosed copies of PTO Form 1449 are those discussed in detail in the specification of Applicants' above-identified application. Hence, further discussion of them herein is deemed unnecessary.

II. OTHER PRIOR ART

The patents and literature article, copies also contained in the Exhibit Book, listed on the last page of the enclosed copies of PTO Form 1449 are furnished because the Examiner was referred to the '845 patent and the literature

article during the December 6, 1989 interview in this application, while the '980 patent was cited during the prosecution of the application that became the '845 patent.

1. U.S. Patent No. 3,981,980, Baker, et al, issued September 21, 1976 (Tab B1), discloses diagnostic substances for cholescintigraphy, formed by reacting pyridoxal and radionuclide-labeled amino acids.

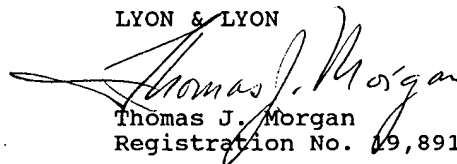
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,842,845, Rocklage, et al., issued June 27, 1985 on an application filed the same day as this application (Tab B2), discloses radioactive metal ion chelates of the same chelating compounds disclosed and claimed in this application.

3. Rocklage, et al. Inorganic Chemistry, 1989, 28,477 (Tab B3) shows that Mn-DPDP, one of the metal ion chelate compounds disclosed in this application, does have the crystal structure disclosed in Formulas II, III, and IV in this application.

It is submitted that Applicants' invention as claimed in this application is patentable over all the cited art.

Respectfully submitted,

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